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White Paper Details Reds' Santo Threat

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Washington, Oct. 14 (NEWS Bureau)—The Johnson Administration has drafted an exhaustive new white paper designed to show in dramatic detail how Communists tried to take over the Dominican Republic during the rebellion in April, the NEWS learned tonight.



The massive document, which includes a large quantity of intelligence data not revealed in a preliminary report last spring, was rushed to completion and dispatched to the White House about two weeks ago. But prospects for publication remain in doubt.

Sen. J. William Fulbright's recent sharp attack on the government's handling of the Dominican crisis stimulated a demand within the Administration to publish all the facts.

The argument was that this would demolish Fulbright's suggestion that President Johnson had too little evidence of a Communist threat to authorize American military intervention.

A number of top officials have argued against publication on the grounds that the paper might jeopardize some intelligence sources and still not change the minds of men like Fulbright.

President Johnson was reported, at least at one time, to be in favor of hitting his critics with the mass of evidence in the white paper. This spurred a final crash effort to get the job done after it had been moving forward only sluggishly over a period of months.

Mann Props a Hint

Undersecretary of State Thomas C. Mann hinted cryptically Tuesday that the report would be made available soon. In a speech in San Diego, Calif., he said:

"The facts we already have would fill a volume. Each passing day brings additional facts to light. The (Communist) danger will soon become apparent even to the most skeptical. In a very real sense, the danger still exists."

According to informed sources, the new white paper vastly expands on the report last spring in which some 35 known Communist agents were named in the management of the rebel movement. It cites names, dates and actions in extreme detail.

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